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## Timely Tidbits ...

# Education Foundation To Host Golf Outing

The new Romulus Education Foundation is currently seeking golfers, volunteers, and donations for door prizes for its first official fund-raising effort - a golf outing set for September 18 (shotgun start at 1 p.m.) at the Shady Hollow Golf Course, located on Wayne Road at Wick in Romulus. A \$75per-ticket cost covers golf, snacks and beverages on the course, an after-tournament dinner at the Romulus High School atrium, and prizes. For more information, please call either Louise Briody (941-1600, ext. 241), Brian Oakley (941-1920), or Pete Bergeron (941-5245).

# Crafters Sought for RAC Arts & Crafts Fair

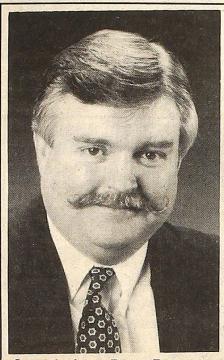
This year, the Romulus Arts Commission will hold its annual Arts & Crafts Fair at Romulus Historical Park (located at 11120 Hunt Street between Goddard and Bibbins roads) on Saturday, September 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain date will be Sunday, September 22). "Art in the Park" will feature games for children, food concessions, and several other attractions, as well as a wide variety of arts and crafts items for sale. The Romulus Historical Museum will also be open most of the day.

Crafters interested in participating in this popular event should contact Susan Watts at 941-0476. A registration fee of \$15 covers space only; tables will not be provided. Deadline for registration is Saturday, September 14.

#### **Hot Weather Safety**

During summer's "dog days," the American Red Cross would like to remind everyone of the dangers of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. To obtain more information on prevention and treatment for these dangerous conditions, or for other information on disaster preparedness, please contact the Red Cross at 810-967-0967.

# Parental Responsibility Ordinance Proposed



**Commissioner Bruce Patterson** 

Who should be paying for the misbehavior and wrongdoing of juvenile delinquents? Who should be teaching them the difference between right and wrong?

These are just a couple of the questions asked of Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson (11th District, R-Canton) as he attends to business in our district. His constituents' concerns have led him to pursue a focused course of action.

Having succeeded in convincing the Wayne County Commission to revise the County's Ethics Board by adopting legislation requiring the panel to include regular citizens, Patterson has turned his attention to another issue: a proposed ordinance regarding parental responsibility. This next step is all part of the comprehensive, omnibus reform package of legislation that he first discussed in January, and which originally included not only the change in the makeup of the ethics panel's membership, but such additional items as term limits for County government elected officials; a written ethics code for County elected officials, appointees, administrators, and bureaucrats; and fund-raising limitations and prohibitions applicable at the County level.

Highlights of the new, proposed ordinance (to be known as the County Parental Responsibility Ordinance) include the requirement that a parent (or parents) of a minor exercise *reasonable* control and supervision over the

minor to prevent the minor from committing or participating in the commission of delinquent acts. Examples include such acts as possessing illegal drugs, or maliciously or willfully damaging, defacing, or destroying real or personal property belonging to others.

Section 5 of the ordinance establishes the evidentiary standards required to find a parent in violation of the parental responsibility ordinance; Section 6 sets forth the penalties and alternate disposition provisions which may be meted out upon a finding, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that a minor has committed a wrong and that his/her parent didn't act as required to see that the wrong didn't occur.

Under Section 6, it will be possible for the County of Wayne to recover the costs of detaining and prosecuting the convicted wrongdoers. According to Patterson, this section alone could save the taxpayers a considerable sum of money over the years.

When asked to comment on his proposed ordinance, Patterson said: "I gave this a lot of thought before it was introduced. I am one legislator who is not interested in passing lots and lots of new laws. Rather, I am interested in enforcing the laws we already have and abolishing those which just create more bureaucracy and red tape. However, when I look at the budget for the County of Wayne and see what we are spending on juvenile delinquency, I see a need to take action. Hopefully, this will catch the attention of some parents who simply are failing to exercise control

over their family members – and that is a significant responsibility of parenting.

"Clearly," he added, "this ordinance has the potential of hitting 'delinquent' parents in the pocketbook if they ignore their duty, which in turn can save the rest of the taxpayers some expense."

The matter has now been referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary and the Committee of Health and Human Services for consideration and investigation. During this review process, the proposal will be examined by various departments. Input will be requested from local chiefs of police, the Sheriff's Department, the Prosecuting Attorney, and interested judicial officers. In addition, budgetary impact will be measured by the County's Office of Budget and Management.

"This is the legislative route that proposals normally follow. I expect the matter to be reported out for its first public reading in about 30 days, and the matter to be finalized by the end of this legislative term," he concluded.

Patterson has also proposed a "sister" ordinance called the Victim Assistance Ordinance, one aspect of which will allow the County to recover costs related to incarcerating convicted criminals. Together, Patterson believes that the two proposals will benefit taxpayers, law-abiding residents, and visitors to Wayne County.

Anyone interested in discussing this matter with the Commissioner can contact him by writing to him at 600 Randolph Street, Room 450, Detroit, MI 48226; or by calling 313-224-0944.

# **Bennett Gets 100% Approval**

Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton) ranks at the top of all State legislators for his unwavering support of small business in Michigan, according to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Bennett voted in favor of NFIB issues 100% of the time.

The 13 Senate issues tracked by the NFIB included single-business tax measures; unemployment insurance; worker's compensation; tort liability reform measures, including no-fault auto insurance; environmental liability reform and self-audits; and school choice.

Bennett, Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, sponsored the environmental self-audit legislation, encouraging

businesses to conduct environmental testing and correct problems. This legislation allows the private sector to work in tandem with the State to improve and preserve Michigan's environment.

"I have always been an advocate of small business," Bennett said. "Each business benefits the community in which it operates by not only providing a product or service, but by providing employment and contributing to the economic tax base. The beautiful thing about America is that each one of us can still dream of becoming an entrepreneur and can still make it happen. How legislators vote on these issues affects how successful small business in Michigan will be."

# The Editor's Opinion

#### **Tide Turning in Favor of EDS**

By Kristi Stephens

Shhh! Listen! Do you hear it? The faint echo of waves breaking on a not-too-distant shore? Yep, you've guessed it: It's the sound of the tide turning in favor of Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), in its ongoing battle with the City of Romulus for the right to operate a nonhazardous/hazardous-waste deep-injection well within the City limits.

It began late last month, when the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Claudia House Morcom's earlier ruling which prohibited EDS from filing for a State PA 451 permit application to construct and operate a hazardous-waste treatment and storage facility at the site of the firm's already constructed well off Wahrman Road in Romulus. (Such a reversal is nothing new when it comes to Morcom's decisions; in fact, according to an April 1, 1996 Detroit Free Press article, Morcom's rulings were overturned in 22% of the 86 civil cases which were appealed from her court between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1993.)

Just one week later, Morcom vacated a portion of her May 15, 1996 opinion and agreed to rehear arguments on an issue that is a significant portion of EDS' counterclaim, acknowledging that EDS was not previously given a full opportunity to make a complete legal and factual presentation of its position.

Admittedly, this does not mean that Morcom's injunction against the Wahrman Road site has been lifted (and, contrary to what you may have heard at the August 5 City Council meeting, we never said it did). However, because EDS has been given permission to go ahead with its permit plans under the new State law, the company may very well be able to circumvent Morcom's injunction. (To those of you who are pinning your hopes on the technicality that injection wells are not specifically named as being exempt from local ordi-

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nances, forget it; the intent of the law is clear. The State has to preempt local control of many treatment/storage/disposal facilities because, if it did not, the "not-in-my-backyard" syndrome would prevail, and Michigan residents would be faced with the problem of having nowhere to dispose of the waste they generate. You can bet that any judge at the appellate level, removed from local politics, is going to understand this.)

And don't forget: Even if the injunction against the Wahrman Road well is upheld, it doesn't apply to EDS' Citrin Road site, which is zoned MT-2 – the zoning which both the BZA and Judge Morcom agree is the correct one for an injection-well facility.

Why are we continuing to fight this no-win battle? The City's own attorneys urged the Council to settle this out of court. Even in the highly unlikely bestcase scenario, in which EDS must plug its Wahrman Road well and doesn't receive even one dime in lost revenue and/or damages, the City of Romulus will almost certainly have to deal with EDS operating an injection well on Citrin Road. Weigh that against the strong possibility of two well sites operating in a city that has absolutely no control over either one, and is faced with increased property taxes and/or bankruptcy because it has been forced to pay up to \$100 million to EDS.

We at "the little paper" believe that the wisdom of seeking an immediate out-of-court settlement is obvious.

Once again, we respectfully urge the City of Romulus to sit down with EDS and hammer out an agreement that will give it significant input regarding the safe transportation, treatment, and disposal of the wastes to be handled by EDS, and thereby do its part to assure the health and financial well-being of its residents.

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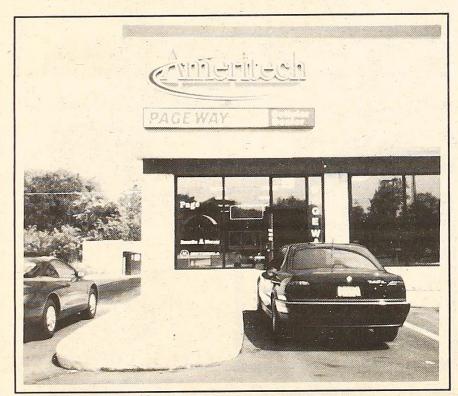
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#### Corrections Day Improves "Absurd" Laws

By Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, Representative for Michigan's 13th District

There is a Federal law on the books that regulates the transport of oil. Designed to protect the environment against hazardous oil spills, such as the one created by Exxon Valdez several years ago, the well-meaning legislation is nevertheless flawed: it does not define what it means by "oil."

As a result, the same regulations that apply to transporting petroleum-based oils have been applied to the transport of edible oils, such as peanut oil, corn oil, olive oil, and lard. Although such animal fats and vegetable oils are nontoxic and biodegradable, owners and operators of vessels carrying them have been subject to the same costly environmental regulations as shippers of crude oil.

To revise or repeal such clearly unworkable laws, the 104th Congress has established the Corrections Day Advisory Group – known as "Corrections Day" or "Corrections Committee" for short.

The Corrections Committee is charged with the task of streamlining government and making it more efficient. Comprised of 12 Representatives – including myself – the Corrections Committee reviews laws that are considered to be unnecessary, redundant, overly burdensome, or outdated. If the laws are found, in fact, to be "absurd," we are given the authority to recommend bills to revoke or revamp them.

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revise existing laws that seem unworkable. However, if such a proposal originates in the Corrections Committees itself, the Committee must first get approval from the Congressional committee that handles the area of legislation affected. For example, if I want to pass a bill repealing a law that regulates small businesses, I must first get approval from the Committee on Small Businesses.

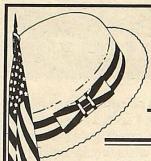
Once a bill has gotten the go-ahead, it is placed on what is known as the Corrections Day Calendar for meetings scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. On these days, the House can debate the bills for no more than one hour apiece. No amendments can be attached to the bills, and a three-fifths majority vote is needed to pass each one. This corrections process is highly accelerated — a streamlined version of the regular legislative process. Its means reflect its ends.

Among the Committee's achievements is a change in the oil transport legislation. Last November, we approved HR 436, a bill that would require the Federal regulations to differentiate between petroleum-based oils and edible oils. This measure ensures that businesses involved with transporting animal and vegetable oils will no longer have to meet the same environmental regulations as, say, Exxon or Mobil.

We also passed a bill revoking a 1977 law that required food retailers to post health warnings about the artificial sweetener saccharin. Since saccharine warnings have been placed on product labels, these signs have become largely irrelevant and have cost retailers unnecessarily.

Similarly, in 1990, as part of the Clean Air Act, a law was passed requiring employers in "high pollution" zones to reduce by 25% the number of car trips their employees made commuting to work. Although this was supposed to promote car-pooling, the provision actually had little impact on reducing pollution and caused a lot of headaches for employers and employees alike. Last December, the Corrections Committee passed a bill that lifted this Federal requirement and instead left it up to the individual states whether to enforce such a mandate.

As a member of the Corrections Committee, I am always looking for ways to improve or streamline existing laws, and I am always open to input from 13th District constituents. If anyone in the community has suggestions about unworkable laws that you'd like to see changed, please contact me through my district offices in Wayne (313-722-1411) or Ann Arbor (313-741-4210).



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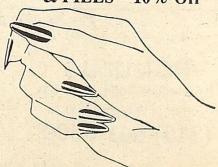
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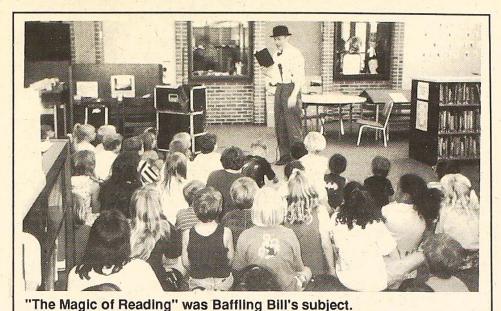
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# **Summer Reading Introduced** Kids to a Colorful World



By Shelley Delano, Youth Librarian, Romulus Public Library

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The Pasta Counting Contest was won by two young men who guessed closest to the actual number of 704 pieces: John Sly (with a guess of 702) and Chris Koch (with a guess of 701). Each won a \$10 gift certificate to Leonardo's Pizzeria & Restaurant at 7555 Merriman Road in Romulus, We know they will really enjoy their dinners there.

Special prizes were won by Sarah Gibson, Rebecca Swindler, Heather Kubitskey, and Steven Baker for reading folk and fairy tales. Drawings were held weekly, with many children winning small prizes.

This year, the children earned prizes by keeping track of their reading time. The Romulus Chamber of Commerce donated \$50 to purchase stencil rulers, kaleidoscopes, and Chinese yo-yos. We extended the deadline date for earning these prizes to August 31, so keep reading.

Each child who participated in the Summer Reading Program received a bag of goodies (projects) to keep them busy for the remainder of the summer. Children who were registered but did not make it to the final program are welcome to pick up their certificates and goody bag at the library.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Romulus Public Library for providing the funds for all the entertainment. They make this program a real hit for the children of the Romulus and Huron areas. At the final program, the Friends served cookies and drinks (provided by McDonald's) to all who attended.

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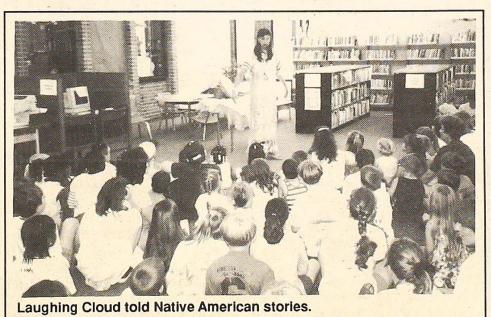
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EDS proposes to construct a Liquid Hazardous Waste Storage, Filtering, and Disposal Facility. This facility will dispose of liquids in two deep injection wells, for which an application to install has been filed for under PA 315. The facility will be located on a site on Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan as shown on the map provided in this notice. The site is located in the SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 12, T3S-R9E. First, the application will be reviewed to determine whether or not it is administratively complete. The process takes approximately thirty (30) days. If the application is incomplete, the local municipality and persons on the facility mailing list will be notified and the missing information will be required in writing from EDS. When the missing information is provided by EDS, and the application is determined to be complete, the MDEQ will immediately notify the local municipality and persons on the facility mailing list and proceed with a technical review of the application. Within 120 days of receipt of a complete application, the Director of MDEQ will either refer the application to the Site Review Board or notify EDS and the public of its intention to deny approval of the application. The denial process includes a public participation period.

Upon the Director's referral, a Site Review Board is established pursuant to Section 17 of Act 64 to review the impact that the proposed facility will have

on the local community. The Board will have 180 days to either approve or reject the construction permit application. All persons on the facility mailing list will be notified of meetings. Once the Board reaches a decision, the Director of the Department will either issue or deny the construction permit accordingly.

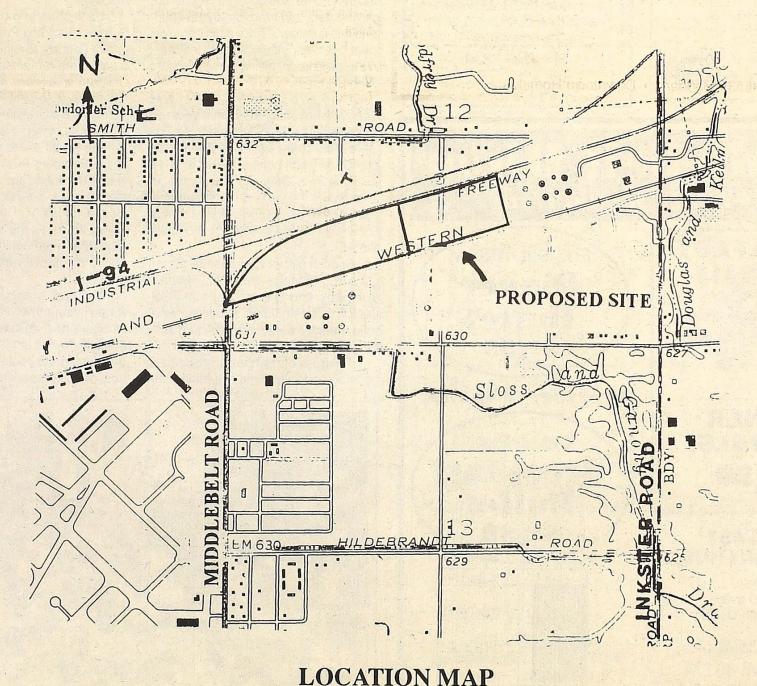
After the application is submitted, it will be available for review at the Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Management Division Office, on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Office Building located at the northwest corner of Pine and Allegan streets in Lansing, Michigan.

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Department of Environmental Quality Waste Management Division P.O. Box 30241 Lansing, Michigan 48909

Questions regarding the proposed facility should be addressed to Mr. Austin Marshall, Vice President of Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, Michigan 48174 (phone number 313-955-2100) or to Mr. Kenneth Burda, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Permit Engineer responsible for the review of the application (phone number 517-373-0750). Interested persons must write to the address above to be placed on the facility mailing list.

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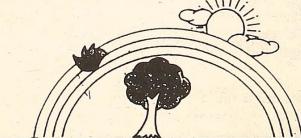
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# **Recreation Programs**

Thanks to Debbie Dick, director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, recreation coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

#### **Junior Olympians**

On Thursday, July 25, the Romulus Recreation Department took local youths to Metro Beach in Mt. Clemens for the 39th annual Detroit Metropolitan Junior Olympics. In all, 38 communities were represented by more than 1,000 boys and girls, ages seven to 14.

This year, the Romulus Recreation Department held a two-day tryout at Romulus Middle School to choose our community's representatives. Altogether, 47 of the City's finest athletes were selected from the large pool of talent at the Recreation Department's seven "summer recreation" playground

For the Olympics competitions, youths were divided into the following groups: Class A (ages 13 to 14), Class B (ages 11 to 12), Class C (ages nine to 10), and Class D (ages seven to eight). Events included 50-, 60-, and 75-yard dashes; softball throw; standing broad jump; running broad jump; agility run; shuttle relay; and chinning.

The Romulus team took first place in two events: Shuttle Relay/Level "A" and Shuttle Relay/Level "B." Each person on the team received a first-place plaque for his/her part in the race.

Members of the Shuttle Relay/Level "A" team were: Tiarra Lang, Jeriesha Lee, Aaron Brown, and Charles James. Shuttle Relay/Level "B" team members were Lakita Gibson, Theresa Lang, Anson Long, and Tony Penn.

Other members of the Romulus teamwere: Ryan Thomas, Marna Robinson, Willie Jones, Courtney Kelsey, Heather Jones, Chanel Gunn, Tierra Pace, Brittney Graham, Davitte Ed-

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The Romulus Recreation Department would like to thank all the parents and family members who participated and the summer recreation staff who made this year's Junior Olympics a truly terrific experience for everyone who was involved.

#### Adult Fall Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is currently forming a Sunday "Doubleheader" Fall League for play at Elmer Johnson Park in Romulus. Only the first 10 teams to register and pay their entry fee will be accepted.

#### **Entry Fee**

An entry fee of \$300 includes softballs, umpires, scorekeepers, field maintenance, and a minimum of 10 games. This fee also includes a two-game elimination tourney at the end of the year.

#### Deadlines

The Recreation Department is taking sign-ups through August 30. If 10 teams have not registered by that date, the Department will take additional signups on September 3 and 4 at a fee of \$325 per team.

#### Managers' Meeting

A brief managers' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, at the Recreation office. This is a mandatory meeting for managers because schedules, rules, and softballs will be distributed. Every team must be represented.

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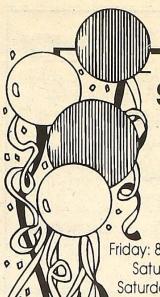
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# Community Calendar

- At the DIA The following exhibitions are currently ongoing at the Detroit Institute of Arts: Woven Splendor: Five Centuries of European Tapestry in the DIA (drawn from the DIA's collection, considered among the five most important European tapestry collections in the U.S.) - through September 29; A Discontinuous Thread (a collateral exhibition to "Woven Splendor," surveying non-European tapestries in the DIA's collection, with special emphasis on Copic, Islamic, Japanese, East Indian, Pre-Columbian, and Native American work) - through October 6; The Car and the Camera: The Detroit School of Automotive Photography (includes the work of Walter Farynk, Jimmy Northmore and Mickey McGuire, Vern Hammarlund, Guy Morrison, and others) - through November 24; and African Form and Imagery: Detroit Collects (African objects from private collections and masterpieces from the DIA's permanent collection, arranged according to themes such as "For Spirits and Ancestors," "Art to Protect and Defend," "Symbols of Passage," and "Power and Display") - through January 5. Museum hours are: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 833-7900.
- Jazz on the River Sounds of cool jazz will fill the air on Saturday. August 17, as local artists take the stage at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, where the scenic Detroit River will provide a beautiful background to the afternoon's entertainment. This Wayne County Parks-sponsored event begins at 4 p.m. and will continue through 9 p.m.
- Wine for the Spirit, Health for the Heart To help in the prevention or reduction of heart disease, the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundations and Merchant's Fine Wine Warehouse are sponsoring this special fund-raising event, where participants can enjoy an exquisite sampling of more than 60 vintage wines and international cuisine as well as make purchases at a silent auction. "Wine for the Spirit..." is set Saturday, September 28, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in Detroit. Tickets (\$75 each) are available by calling 313-791-1234.
- Final Registration at St. Aloysius Catholic School St. Aloysius, located near I-275 and I-94 in Romulus, is still accepting applications for students in grades K-8. The school offers a full curriculum taught by State-certified teachers. For more information, please call 941-3340.
- Christian Academy Accepting Applications The Romulus Christian Academy is presently accepting applications for the fall semester for grades K-12. The academy offers an affordable accelerated education program in a Christian atmosphere. For more information, please call 729-4884 or 729-9546.
- Writer Support Group Writers Anonymous, a writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.
- Donations Accepted The Outpost (located at 18855 Wahrman Road, New Boston) is an authorized drop-off site for items (no cash or checks, please) to be donated to the charity of St. Vincent De Paul of Detroit. Items may be dropped off at the store between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. any weekday. For information, call the Outpost (753-0522).

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#### Senior Profile: Edith McLeod



By Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus

In 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Kaysner celebrated their twelfth anniversary with the birth of their fifth child, Edith. Edith was one of eight children who had strong family values and respect.

During her eleventh year of school, she met Mahlon McLeod at a circus/carnival in Sault Ste. Marie. They didn't date for one year, but it wasn't from lack of trying on Mahlon's part. It was one year after Edith consented to a date that they were wed.

Edith and Mahlon were married for 62 years and have four sons, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Edith takes a positive part in correcting the younger children. "It's disgraceful the way kids talk to their parents today," says Edith, "Just

no respect."

Edith has many fond memories about the joy of camping with her husband and children. "I remember once we lost our boat when our bumper broke on I-96. The good Lord was with us. No damage was done and the boat stopped about 20 feet behind the camper on the road-side," says Edith with a sparkle in her eyes.

She reminds me of a school teacher, but she says all she ever tried to teach was right from wrong to her own children. Her children mean the world to her, and it shows when she talks about them and their lives together. "I've become a real traveler — I'm always willing to go if asked. My children are close to me and take care of me too. They call me several times a week and never leave me alone on holidays," remarked Edith.

Edith does quilting, works puzzles, has been Club #1's secretary for six years, takes the minutes for the monthly meetings of the Ford Rawsonville Retirees, tries to help people when and where she can, and believes we need to keep our mind and body busy.

I asked her how she'd like to be remembered. She smiled that smile we've all grown to love and said, "I'd like to think I'm a congenial, happy, helpful, caring, and loving person."

I found Edith to be a warm, humorous person who is willing to share her life if asked to. I feel very fortunate to have met Edith McLeod and get to know this delightful woman better. She is amazing.

# Her Favorite Books Are the Bible and Daniel Webster

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School English teacher Cathy Uhring's ninthgrade students and published in the student booklet, Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues of "the little paper."



**Bette Celestine Jones** 

By Ernie Rodabaugh, Steve Bednar, Chris Peoples, Dave Eakins, & Ba-tes Cline

In school we were assigned to a special "project" – that "project" was to learn more about the older citizens of Romulus.

It all began with our trip to the Romulus Tower to meet some of the elders of our community. On our trip there, our group felt nervous. We thought, perhaps they would not like us, or not be willing to grant us an interview.

When we first met Bette Jones, she appeared a little nervous, but, then, so were we. Bette was born on October 24, 1907 in Anita, Pennsylvania. She was part of a family of seven sisters and four brothers.

In high school, Bette began training for her future years by working at her

brother's law firm for 10 years. She studied hard, attended court hearings, and became a Paralegal. In as much, Bette was the fifth oldest in her family, three sisters before her took turns working for their brother, Peter, an attorney. As each sister eventually went on to a new and different life-style, Bette continued to work in her brother's law firm. With each passing year, her work at the law firm became more and more interesting. When her brother's legal cases required him to attend court in other cities, Bette, as his legal secretary, would accompany him and attend each hearing. In order for her brother, Peter, to have a copy of the proceedings in each court case he handled, Bette would record everything in shorthand.

All the business training in her early years, and later in her life, has always stood her in good stead. Bette's favorite books are the *Bible* and *Daniel Webster*. At this stage in her life, Bette is self-sufficient, vibrant and also very eager to acquire more knowledge about everything in general. Her favorite quotation is the one published in 1779 by William Cowper:

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# Sassy Seniors

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

#### **New Members Welcome**

The Romulus Senior Center's Club #1 meets at the Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m. for social and recreational activities. New members (age 55 and over) are always welcome.

#### **Craft Class**

A special one-day craft class will be held at the Romulus Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, for those interested in learning how to make a "stained glass" t-shirt or sweatshirt. Participants should bring a cleaned and dried (no fabric softener) shirt plus \$1 to cover the cost of other materials. The Center asks those who plan to attend to call at least one day in advance of the class so that adequate materials and refreshments can be provided.

#### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- Kewadin Casinos For those who love to try their luck! The \$100 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this two-day/one-night outing, which departs October 18, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's deluxe accommodation at the Ojibway Hotel, overlooking Sault Ste. Marie's Soo Locks; and \$40 cash back from the casino.
- Festival of Lights Get into the holiday spirit with this November 23 trip to Battle Creek to see its Festival of Lights Spectacular! A \$30 cost covers transportation; dinner at Clara's Restaurant (a restored historic train depot on the Kalamazoo River); a guided tour of downtown Battle Creek, including its lights display; and admission to the Binder Park Zoo for its "Zoo Lights" display.

#### **Shopping Trips**

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer store on Wednesday, August 28. Space is limited; payment of transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, firstserved basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list.

On Friday, August 23, local seniors can enjoy lunch out when the Center's vantravels to the Macaroni Grill. Cost of transportation is \$1.50.

#### "Surprise" Potluck

'Surprise" is the theme of this month's potluck meal, to be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Friday, August 30, at 2 p.m. So bring a "secret" (or not-so-secret) pal and a "mystery" dish to join old and new friends for a fun-filled feast featuring a "surprise" main dish! Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley will continue his free, twice-monthly "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, August 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) welcome. **Exercise Classes** 

The Romulus Senior Center's twiceweekly exercise program - held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. - features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

#### **Hot Lunch**

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Center at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation. Home-delivery of meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information, call 1-800-851-1454.

#### **Personal Transportation Service**

Senior citizens who have no other means of transportation can take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's personal transportation program. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be taken anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctor appointments, banking, or shopping. The service is available each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. only, so it's best to make your reservation as far ahead as possible. Call 942-6852.

#### **Get SMART!**

The Romulus Senior Center would like to remind everyone that the SMART Connector bus provides curb-to-curb transportation service within the City any weekday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of only \$2 per person (\$1 for senior citizens and people with disabilities). All rides must be reserved in advance. For more information, or to schedule a ride, call 941-8996. 🖵

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#### **REGULAR MEETING, JULY 22, 1996**

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 22, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.
Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the agenda be amended as follows: Move Item VI. D. "Schools of Choice - L'Anse Creuse" to Item VI. K. 1.

7/96/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Woods to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of the Statutory and Regular Meetings of July 8, 1996 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica offered the following personnel actions for Board approval. RETIREMENT: Harry Willnus, Social Studies Teacher, Romulus Senior High School, Effective June 30, 1996.

7/96/19 Moved by Langley supported by Gondek to approve the personnel actions as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

7/96/20 Moved by Langley supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Membership - Detroit Metro Bureau of School Studies, Inc.

7/96/21 Moved by Langley supported by Gondek that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Metro Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc., for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Television Visitation Report

Ms. Judie Gondek, Julie Oleszkowicz, and Betty Lenossi visited the City of Livonia to examine their Board cable TV arrangements and discussed their concerns and answered questions relative to putting our school district on cable.

#### Search Institute Survey

The Board perused the survey that was attached for their information. Mr. Siders may be present at a future meeting for more discussion.

#### Report on Barth Parent Meeting

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and four members of the Board of Education met with parents of Barth Elementary School and addressed the issue of split classes. Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Debbie Dick, Recreation Director, requested that the Board of Education recognize the following students for their independent committee work cleaning up after the 4th of July fireworks at Wick and the Middle School: Teddy Hall, Stephanie Stuvgill, Daniel Stuvgill, Jeremy Keahey, Dakota Keahey, Robert Staffiery, Albe Garcia, Mike Honto, and William Honto.

7/96/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to honor the above-mentioned students for their independent work after the 4th of July. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Dick Kruse, Band Director, informed the Board of Education that the Bugle Corp "Blue Devils" will be in Romulus on Sunday, July 28, 1996 at the Senior High School. Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) Dolan Memo - School Police Liaison; 2) Goals 2000 Grant; and 3) Art McPharlin "Thank You".

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek asked when the Athletic Advisory Committee would be organized. Mr. Dolan to advise. Mrs. Gondek also discussed the presentation on Parent/Community

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley stated that we need Board representation on the following committees: Initiative, Climate and Assessment.

Mr. Michael Woods discussed the Little League picnic.

#### **Executive Session**

7/96/23 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:24 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:06 P.M.

#### Schools of Choice: Romulus/L'Anse Creuse Alternative Education Consortium Seniors Completing Their High-school Career

Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to adopt the attached resolutions to provide educational opportunities to students within RESA in Vocational subjects. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

#### Committee Appointments

Kenneth E. Berlinn, President, appointed members of the Board of Education to the following committees. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Betty M. Lenossi, Julie A. Oleszkowicz, and Howard J. Kesner. POLICY COMMITTEE: Judith A. Gondek, Sandra F. Langley, and Michael D. Woods. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Sandra F. Langley, Julie A. Oleszkowicz, and Kenneth E. Berlinn.

7/96/25 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

# Engaged

#### Thomason/Robbins

Louie and Linda Robbins of Romulus are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie Robbins, to Mario Justin Thomason, the son of Gary Thomason of Romulus and Linda O'Toole of Carleton.

Mario and Amy plan to be married on August 9, 1997, by Pastor Dunlap of the Apostolic Faith Temple in Taylor. Best man Tim Roberts will stand up with Mario; Laura Turner will serve as Amy's matron of honor.

The couple became engaged on February 24, 1996, when Mario got down on one knee in a jewelry store and, in front of several strangers, popped the big question. Amy's answer was, of

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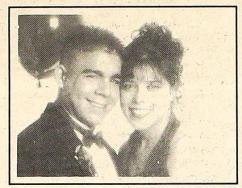
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course, "yes" - because, as anyone acquainted with Amy knows, she can never say "no" to Mario.

Both Mario and Amy are 1995 graduates of Romulus High School, where they were long-time sweethearts and King and Queen of the senior prom.

# **Obituaries**

#### Lynn C. Brower

Lynn Brower of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, died on Sunday, July 14, 1996. He was 52 years old.

The Ford Motor Company employee was born in Wayne, Michigan, on March

Surviving Lynn are his mother, Mrs. Myra Brower; one brother, James Brower (Sault Ste. Marie, MI); one sister, Nancy Dudek (St. Louis, MO); one nephew, Aaron; and one niece, Wendy. His brother, Burl J. Brower, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist Church.

#### Oceanus Furman

Oceanus (Thornburg) Furman of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 3, 1996, at the age of 91.

The homemaker and member of the Romulus Wesleyan Church was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on August 15, 1904.

Surviving Oceanus are four sons, Richard W. (Westland, MI), Wilbur G. (Dearborn Heights, MI), Frank W. (Belmont, MI), and Paul W. Furman (Manistique, MI); one daughter, Ms. Barbara Furman (Ann Arbor, MI); one brother, Alfred Thornburg; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Her husband, Terrance W. Furman, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 5, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, with the Reverend Donald "Mike" McClellan officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Wesleyan Church.

#### Olive M. Pearson

Olive Pearson of Westland, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 3, 1996. She was 77 years old.

The retired school-bus driver for the Romulus Community Schools was born on November 20, 1918.

Olive is survived by her husband, Joseph C. Pearson; one daughter, Mrs. Simon (Sandra Faye) Maas (Westland, MI); and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

#### Darla J. Schatilo

Darla J. (Bonk) Schatilo of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, August 2, 1996, at the age of 41.

Darla was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on March 1, 1955. Before going to work for Ford Motor Company in Wayne, she had been employed at Garden Fantasy in Belleville.

Surviving Darla are her daughter. Sarah Allison Schatilo (Romulus, MI); her mother, Dorothy J. Bonk (Romulus, MI); two brothers, George R. (Corpus Christi, TX) and Robert R. Bonk (New Boston, MI); and three sisters, Mrs. Donald (Lois) Laurain (Lincoln Park, MI), Ms. Karen Angove (Romulus, MI), and Miss Judith Bonk (Romulus, MI). She was predeceased by her father, George Bonk.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allmann (St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

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